

SUPPORTING STATEMENT
FOR THE PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT INFORMATION COLLECTION
SUBMISSION FOR FORM 8-A

A. JUSTIFICATION

1. Circumstances Making the Collection of Information Necessary

Form 8-A (17 CFR 249.208a) is a registration statement used to register a class of securities under Section 12(b) or Section 12(g) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Exchange Act”). Section 12(a) of the Exchange Act makes it unlawful for any member, broker, or dealer to effect any transaction in any security (other than an exempted security) on a national securities exchange unless such security has been registered under the Exchange Act. Exchange Act Section 12(b) establishes the registration procedures. Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act requires an issuer that is not a bank or bank holding company to register a class of equity securities (other than exempted securities) within 120 days after its fiscal year end if, on the last day of its fiscal year, the issuer has total assets of more than \$10 million and such class of equity securities is “held of record” by either (i) 2,000 persons, or (ii) 500 persons who are not accredited investors. An issuer that is a bank or a bank holding company, must register a class of equity securities (other than exempted securities) within 120 days after the last day of its first fiscal year ended after the effective date of the JOBS Act if, on the last day of its fiscal year, the issuer has total assets of more than \$10 million and such class of equity securities is “held of record” by 2,000 or more persons. The form requires disclosure of information concerning the class of securities being registered (such as dividend and voting rights in connection with common stock). This information may be provided by incorporation by reference to a comparable description contained in any other filing with the Commission.

Form 8-A is the special form for the registration of additional classes or series of securities by an issuer that is required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act. Form 8-A does not require as detailed disclosure as Form 10 (17 CFR 249.210) concerning the issuer’s business because the use of Form 8-A by an issuer presupposes that more detailed information is or will be available through periodic reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d). The form requires disclosure of information concerning the particular class of securities being registered (such as dividend and voting rights in connection with common stock). This information may be provided by incorporation by reference to a comparable description contained in any other filing with the Commission. The Commission believes that this information is essential to a determination by an investor of the merits of the security. Form 8-A is used by an issuer to register a class of securities under the Exchange Act at the same time it is registering the securities under the Securities Act. By extending Section 12’s registration and related disclosure requirements in this manner, Congress reaffirmed the importance of disclosure by issuers to the protection of investors.

2. Purpose and Use of the Information Collection

The information provided by Form 8-A is reproduced by private contractors directly from the Commission's public files. The Commission provides this information to security holders, investors, brokers, dealers, investment banking firms, professional securities analysts and others in evaluating securities and making investment and voting decisions with respect to them. In addition, all investors benefit indirectly from the information filed on Form 8-A, as direct users effect transactions in securities on the basis of the current information included in such filings, thereby causing the market prices of the securities to reflect such information.

3. Consideration Given to Information Technology

Form 8-A is filed electronically using the Commission's Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis and Retrieval (EDGAR) system.

4. Duplication of Information

The Commission is involved in an ongoing program designed to integrate the disclosure requirements of the Securities Act with the disclosure requirements of the Exchange Act.

5. Reducing the Burden on Small Entities

Small issuers exempt from registration are not subject to Form 8-A requirements. This includes the majority of small businesses.

6. Consequences of Not Conducting Collection

The legislative intent for this information collection could not be met by fewer collections. The protection of investors mandated by the Federal securities laws requires that issuers of securities to be registered on national securities exchanges and of certain other public-traded securities disclose basic information about their securities to be registered in order that potential investors may determine the merits thereof.

7. Special Circumstances

There are no special circumstances.

8. Consultations with Persons Outside the Agency

The Form 8-A extension request was proposed for public comment. We received one comment, from an individual, on the extension request. That comment states as follows:

"This regulation for the Securities Exchange Act should be removed from the OMB system for several violations of mandatory requirements of securities trading. Proper registration is required to be able to trade and there is no verification of valid investors. The forms listed in the case are not accurately listed for what reporting that is mandatory and disclosures are not properly issued

as required. This is a significant expense of taxpayer dollars and changes are needed in order to follow regulations currently in place.”

Although the comment appears to suggest either that the Commission should withdraw this information collection or that OMB should not approve the extension request, the basis for the commenter’s objection to the information collection is unclear. The circumstances making the Form 8-A collection of information necessary, as well as the purpose and use of the Form, are described above, including with respect to the statutory requirements of the Exchange Act, and the comment does not address those circumstances, purposes, uses, or requirements. As such, we are not revising our extension request as a result of this comment.

Further, although the comment appears to suggest that there are “significant expense of taxpayer dollars” associated with the information collection, the comment does not make any recommendations as to how our estimates should be adjusted. As such, we are not adjusting our Paperwork Reduction Act (“PRA”) burden estimates for Form 8-A as a result of this comment.

9. Payment or Gift to Respondents

No payment or gift has been provided to any respondents.

10. Confidentiality

Form 8-A is a public document.

11. Sensitive Questions

No information of a sensitive nature, including social security numbers, will be required under this collection of information. The information collection collects basic Personally Identifiable Information (PII) that may include name, job title, and work address. However, the agency has determined that the information collection does not constitute a system of records for purposes of the Privacy Act. Information is not retrieved by a personal identifier. In accordance with Section 208 of the E-Government Act of 2002, the agency has conducted a Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) of the EDGAR system, in connection with this collection of information. The EDGAR PIA, published on February 18, 2025, is provided as a supplemental document and is also available at <https://www.sec.gov/privacy>.

12. Estimate of Respondent Reporting Burden

Estimated Reporting Burden

Information Collection Title	OMB Control Number	Number of Responses	Burden Hours
Form 8-A	3235-0056	1,052	3,156

For purposes of the PRA, we estimate that Form 8-A takes approximately 3 hours per response to comply with the collection of information requirements and that there is an average of 1,052 responses annually (calculated for period 2022 through 2024).

We derived our burden hour estimates by estimating the average number of hours it would take an issuer to compile the necessary information and data, prepare and review disclosure, file documents and retain records. In connection with rule amendments to the form, we occasionally receive PRA estimates from public commenters about incremental burdens that are used in our burden estimates. We believe that the actual burdens will likely vary among individual companies based on the size and complexity of their organization and the nature of their operations.

We further estimate that 100% of the collection of information burden is carried by the respondent internally. Based on our estimates, we calculated the total reporting burden to be 3,156 hours (3 hours per response x 1,052 responses). For administrative convenience, the paperwork burden hours have been rounded to the nearest whole number. The burden estimate for the hours is made solely for the purpose of the PRA.

13. Estimate of Total Annualized Cost Burden

There is no annual cost burden.

14. Costs to Federal Government

The SEC is in the process of revising its methodologies to estimate annualized costs to the Federal government for all its relevant collections of information. The SEC anticipates that future extensions of this collection of information will reflect the revised methodologies.

15. Reason for Change in Burden

Summary of the Change in Burden Hours and Cost Burden

IC Title	Annual No. of Responses			Annual Time Burden (Hours)			Annual Burden Cost Burden (\$)		
	Previousl y Approve d	Requeste d	Decrease In Response s	Previousl y Approve d	Requeste d	Decrease In Burden	Previousl y Approve d	Reques t	Cost Burde n
Form 8-A	1,376	1,052	-324	4,128	3,156	-972	0	0	0

The decrease in burden of 972 hours is due to a decrease in the number of Forms 8-A filed with the Commission.

16. Information Collection Planned for Statistical Purposes

The information collection is not planned for statistical purposes.

17. Approval to Omit Expiration Date

We request authorization to omit the expiration date on the electronic version of the form. Including the expiration date on the electronic version of the form will result in increased costs, because the need to make changes to the form may not follow the application's scheduled version release dates. The OMB control number will be displayed.

18. Exceptions to Certification for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions

There are no exceptions to certification for Paperwork Reduction Act submissions.

B. STATISTICAL METHODS

The information collection does not employ statistical methods.